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been suggested. Some years since a large and valuable collection of French Historical Documents, given to the Academy by Wm. Maclure, was thus disposed of greatly to the advantage of the library.

The opinion is now entertained by some of the members of the Academy, that a similar disposition with similarly good results might be made of the collection of works on Antiquities and the Fine Arts now in our possession. This collection embraces some rare and valuable works which are practically worthless to the Academy. If sold to an institution or individual interested in the subjects treated by them, their usefulness would be greatly increased, while means would be provided for obtaining those works which are of the utmost importance to all those engaged in the study of the natural sciences.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDW. J. NOLAN,
Librarian.

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

The Recording Secretary would beg leave to report,—

That during the year ending November 30th, 1868, there have been elected sixty-five members and twenty-one correspondents.

The death of the following members and correspondents have been announced.

Nine members, namely: Edw. B. Grubb, Tobias Wagner, Gen. Geo. A. McCall, Mr. Thomas Earp, Mr. C. F. Hagedorn, Mr. Isaac Barton, Mr. Matthew Newkirk, Mr. Jacob Gilliams.

Four Correspondents, namely: Rev. Mr. E. Johnson, Marcel de Serres, Sir David Brewster, Mr. Clot Bey.

The number of papers contributed and ordered to be printed in the Proceedings and Journal during the year has been forty-nine, as follows:

In the Proceedings thirty-six, namely:

E. D. Cope.....	12	Isaac Lea.....	8
John Cassin.....	1	Thomas Meehan.....	5
Jacob Ennis.....	1	T. D. Rand.....	1
George N. Lawrence	1	W. B. Butcher, M.D.....	1
Elliot Coues, M.D.....	2	Alphonso Wood.....	1
Tryon Reakirt	1	Joseph Leidy.....	11
Thaddeus Norris.....	1		

In the Journal three, namely:

Isaac Lea, 1; Joseph Leidy, 1; E. D. Cope, 1.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. B. HOWELL,
Rec. Sec'y.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HERPETOLOGY AND ICHTHYOLOGY.

The Committee on Herpetology and Ichthyology respectfully reports:

That there has been added to that part of the Museum under its care the following collections of Reptiles in Alcohol.

Duplicates of the collections made for the Smithsonian Institution in Vera Cruz, Mexico, by Francis Sumichrast, which are very extensive; the same of collections made for the same in high Guatemala, by Henry Hague; same of collections made in Yucatan, Belize and Tabasco, by Schott, Parsons and Berendt; with other duplicates of collections from Central America. Dupli-1868.]